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## Raising Christmas cheer

Members of the Dysart Fire Department work with their fire chief Mike Iles, far right, to raise the 38-foot Christmas tree, marking the beginning of Christmas events in the downtown on Sunday, Nov. 21 at the Village Barn in Haliburton. Donated by Haliburton resident Andy Salvatori, this is the tallest tree yet and the public is being asked to come out and help add their own ornaments to it and help trim the tree. This Friday night at 5 p.m. there will be caroling with Gord Kidd and the tree lighting will follow at 6 p.m. just before the Santa Claus Parade at 6:30 p.m. These Christmas initiatives are being coordinated by the Haliburton and District Lions Club with support by the BIA. /DARREN LUM Staff



# Vaccines approved for youth 5 to 11

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

Health Canada has approved Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine for kids aged five to 11.

In a much anticipated announcement

last Friday, Pfizer's Comirnaty became the first COVID-19 vaccine authorized in Canada for a younger age group meaning it will soon be available to 11,115 children across the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge district area – 844 of those children being in Haliburton County.

The vaccine has been authorized for use

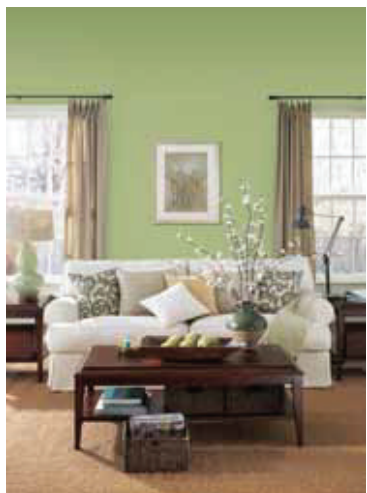
in those 16 and older since December of last year, and for children aged 12 to 15 since May. The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge district unit's website notes appointments can be made beginning Nov. 23, and the first date for pediatric vaccination appointments is Nov. 29.

"This is the first COVID-19 vaccine

authorized in Canada for use in this age group and marks a major milestone in Canada's fight against COVID-19," reads a Nov. 19 press release from Health Canada.

Health Canada received the submission

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# Health unit reports decline in number of people seeking vaccinations

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports from a Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge district health unit press conference held Nov. 17 with medical officer of health Dr. Natalie Bocking.

As of last week, the coverage rate of individuals aged 12 and over across the health unit who have received one dose of COVID-19 vaccine is 86.5 per cent, while 83.7 per cent have received two doses of vaccine.

"Over the last two to three weeks, we've seen a steady decline in the number of people coming for their first doses," said Bocking.

For several weeks throughout the health unit jurisdiction there were still about 1,000 people per week coming to get their first vaccine, which decreased to about 400 people per week, and now about 200 to 300 people are showing up for their first dose. To date, there are 23,000 people aged 12 and older across the region that are eligible for vaccination that have not yet received a first dose. Bocking said, "many other regions across the province" have been able to reach the target of 90 per cent of the population having received at least one dose of vaccine.

"I think we can certainly still achieve this across HKPR, but we're on a fairly slow trajectory to try and achieve that, so I think I would encourage anyone that has yet to be vaccinated against COVID-19 to at least discuss it with your healthcare provider, to ensure that you're accessing accurate information about the vaccine, and for family members and friends that know of individuals that have not been vaccinated, have a respectful conversation about the risks and benefits of vaccine and point friends and family toward sources of information that are accurate about COVID-19 vaccine," said Bocking.

## Public health unit monitoring local case numbers during surges

Bocking said in terms of issuing public health directives, the health unit is monitoring very closely the numbers in the area and in the surrounding area and across the province.

"We know that at some point in time, when cases reach a high enough level, what is necessary are further pub-

lic health restrictions to bring those numbers down," she said.

Other regions in the province, including northern Ontario, have had to issue additional instructions recently such as lowering capacity limits.

"It's certainly, if we reach that point, and hopefully we don't, it would be a consideration," she said. "We look at all of the tools available in order to prevent further spread, especially if it's reaching a point where it is a significant burden on our acute care system, because we certainly wouldn't want to see things like surgeries being cancelled or that sort of thing in this region."

## HKPR "faring quite well"

Since the start of the pandemic, 2,522 cases of COVID-19 have been recorded across the HKPR region, with 14 unresolved cases – one in Haliburton County – at the time of last week's media briefing. Since the beginning of the school year, a total of 25 cases have been identified among the school-aged population or staff, none related to spread within schools but which have resulted in quarantining of classrooms and bus cohorts. The incidence rate as of Nov. 17 was 6.9 cases per 100,000, and test positivity as of Nov. 9 was less than one per cent, sitting at about 0.7 per cent. Some health unit jurisdictions are recording an incidence rate of 100 cases per 100,000.

"Really, overall for HKPR jurisdiction we are faring quite well compared to other areas in the province," said Bocking. She noted the overall numbers of cases in the province have started to increase with some health unit areas experiencing a "significant surge," and some jurisdictions recording the highest number of cases they've had to date.

"I think, knock on wood, there are things we can continue to do collectively to try and keep our numbers as low as possible, but I think we also need to be aware that there's always the potential for there to be further spread of COVID-19," she said. "Despite having high vaccination coverage currently, we know that it's not quite high enough to prevent to prevent further community transmission and some sporadic outbreaks."

Bocking noted HKPR is "not an island," that people are travelling in and out of the area, and that the tools available to prevent the spread of COVID-19 should be used:

vaccinations, properly-worn masks, and caution around which gatherings are being attended.

## Majority of cases among adults 20 to 39

Of the 24 new cases identified in the past 14 days, almost 42 per cent of those cases did not have an identifiable source for exposure, a general indication of community transmission. Of those cases, 25 per cent were identified to be among the age group of 50 to 59-year-olds with the vast majority being in the age groups of 20 to 29 and 30 to 39. In the past two weeks there have been two hospitalizations.

"Which to me just indicates that COVID-19 can still continue to cause significant illness," said Bocking.

Of the 362 cases identified since July 1, 61.3 per cent are among individuals that had received no vaccinations, 18.3 per cent were partially protected or considered to be not yet fully protected by vaccination and 20 per cent were fully vaccinated.

"This isn't surprising, it's not a concerning trend, I think we know that the vaccinations are not 100 per cent effective," said Bocking. "They're very protective and quite effective at preventing certainly severe illness, hospital admission, ICU stays. Good protection against symptomatic illness, but not 100 per cent protection. They're still the best prevention tool we have."

## Accessing vaccine by walk-in or appointment

The health unit continues to offer vaccine clinics at five different sites – in Minden, Fenelon Falls, Lindsay, Cobourg and Colborne – across the jurisdiction throughout the week when resources are available, and at some high schools on weekends. Those seeking third shot boosters according to provincial policy eligibility should make an appointment through the provincial booking system to avoid waits, although walk-in sessions are available between 3:30 and 4:30 at clinics. Those seeking first or second doses do not need an appointment at any time. Pharmacies and healthcare providers continue to offer the vaccine as well. For more information visit [www.hkpr.on.ca](http://www.hkpr.on.ca).

# Health unit encourages flu shot

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports from the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge board of health meeting held virtually on Nov. 18.

Winter can bring increased cases of COVID-19 alongside influenza season and the health unit is working to provide vaccinations for both even as an increase in other respiratory illnesses is reported.

To date, COVID-19 cases have been low locally with a small increase – at press time, only one unresolved case had been reported in Haliburton County – but surges have happened throughout the province in the past few weeks. While influenza season peaks from December to February, nine lab-confirmed influenza cases have been reported in Ontario already.

"Although local COVID-19 activity has been low throughout October and the beginning of November, we are experiencing respiratory outbreaks due to other pathogens," said Bocking in her report to the board. "Increased activity of rhinovirus, parainfluenza virus and Respiratory Syncytial Virus has resulted in several outbreaks among childcare centres, long-term care homes, and retirement homes."

The universal influenza immunization program launched Oct. 15, with flu shots being available at pri-

mary care provider offices and also pharmacies – in Haliburton County that includes Pharmasave in Dorset; Shoppers Drug Mart, Haliburton Highland Pharmacy, Rexall and Independent's drug store in Haliburton; Pharmasave and Highland Remedy's Rx pharmacy in Minden and at Wilberforce pharmacy. Clinics are also being held for kids younger than five who do not have a primary healthcare provider. For more information visit [www.hkpr.on.ca](http://www.hkpr.on.ca) or call 1-866-888-4577, ext. 1507.

## Board of health urges restoration of vision services

The HKPR board of health wrote to Ontario's Minister of Health Christine Elliott and Dr. Sheldon Salaba, president of Ontario Association of Optometrists (OAO) regarding the dispute between optometrists and the ministry of health which is resulting in a current lack of vision services for patients under the Ontario Health Insurance Plan.

"As you are aware, as of September 1, 98 per cent of optometrists have discontinued services for the 2.9 million patients covered for eye care under OHIP, including children under 19, people 65 and older and those with certain eye conditions," reads the letter from the board of health. "This is of particular concern given the concurrent suspension of many public health unit run vision screening programs for children across the province due to the COVID-19 pandemic. These programs aim to detect vision issues amongst senior kindergarten students and refer them to local optometrists for follow-up. Even if public health programs were to be reinstated, with no optometrist services available for referrals, children will continue to be left at risk of undetected vision issues as well as other missed diagnoses."

The letter notes an urgency for the ministry and the OAO to re-enter discussions, "with the goal of restoring vision services as soon as possible for vulnerable Ontarians."

On Nov. 22, the OAO and government entered formal negotiations, with job action pausing and eye exams resuming as of Nov. 23.

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Max Ward of Minden, who is a treasurer for Places for People, watches *It's a Wonderful Life* from his vehicle with his children during the Sleeping in Cars fundraiser.

## Sleeping in Cars record hit

The record setting total of more than \$12,500 easily surpassed the previous event's high of close to \$6,000 in 2019. This success is attributed to the 14 participants, including three families and to the support by Haliburton Highlands Brewing, Abbey Gardens, the Rotaract Club, who helped with the snack bar, Tammy Rea for the drive-in movies and SIRCH Community Services for breakfast. It's worth noting the "Chilly Chicks," who are Sylvia Claridge and Val Jarvis, slept in their vehicles at a driveway off of Airport Road and raised more than \$3,000.

With her Sleeping in Cars toque on, Fay Martin of Minden shows how she spent the night in a sub-compact car during the Sleeping in Cars event to raise awareness and money for homelessness on Friday, Nov. 19 at the parking lot of the Haliburton Highlands Brewing, located outside of West Guilford. Martin was the top fundraiser with a little more than \$5,500 raised. Places for People, which organizes Sleeping in Cars, is local organization that "creates and manages secure, quality housing in Haliburton County for low and moderate-income renters and creates the conditions in which they can thrive," per their website. /Photos by DARREN LUM Staff

Right, children participating in the Sleeping in Cars event walk past the a vehicle with people watching *It's a Wonderful Life*.



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## THE SOUND OF MUSIC



The Highlands Summer Festival is returning with five shows being presented during the 2022 season.

## Highlands Summer Festival makes triumphant return

NICK BERNARD

Staff Reporter

In 2020, the Highlands Summer Festival went dark alongside theatres across the world. Now, with pandemic restrictions lifting, the festival has announced that it will be returning for the 2022 season at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion from July 4 to Aug. 11.

It's been a long two years, and, according to festival advertising lead Jack Brezina, the excitement around the return of the festival has been building.

"When I go shopping or I'm downtown or whatever, [people] always want to know 'are you back?' or 'are you coming back?'" Brezina told the *Echo*. The Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, which is located in Haliburton Highlands Secondary School has recently started allowing events to return to the space, while continuing to follow the advice of local health units. This has allowed the festival team to proceed with this year's program.

"We're looking at the new [COVID] requirements ... we're aware these things are in flux all the time," Brezina said. "We are prepared to implement what is required, which right now is proof of vaccination, people wearing masks, etcetera."

The headlining show this year is Rodgers and Hammerstein's *The Sound of Music*, which opens on July 4 and will run for 10 performances, including three matinees. Other shows include Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest*, and the one-man play *Every Brilliant Thing*, which Brezina promises is unlike anything the festival has done before.

"We're going to do theatre-in-the-round," Brezina said, describing a form of theatre where the audience surrounds the stage at all angles. "It's a single actor who starts a monologue, but then invites the audience to participate."

Rounding out the festival lineup is *Lucien*, about a French man from New Brunswick who shares his wry observations on the world, and *Across the Pond*, an exploration of the British Invasion featuring live music from Leisa Way and the Wayward Wind Band.

Preparations for the festival have been ongoing, though much of the behind-the-scenes work has been put on hold because of the pandemic.

"Everybody's been treading water to a certain extent," said Brezina, "We knew when we shut it down that we'd be doing these shows, so there's been some preparation taking place ... Now we're about to turn the switch on. So, away we go."

By the time this year's season begins, it will have been two years since the festival's last performance, leaving the community without the immersive cultural dimension the summer theatre series provides.

"It enriches the artistic fabric of the community," Brezina said, "It makes use of that facility, the high school, the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion which would otherwise sit vacant for the summer."

Brezina also said that it's important to have things like live theatre in a given community in order to attract people to live there, as it provides more amenities for locals, tourists, and retirees alike.

"Live theatre says that [Haliburton County] has reached an artistic level that is attractive to a certain part of the community. I think we provide an important asset to the enrichment of the community."

Auditions will be taking place after the New Year, and will follow all recommended precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

"We're going to be insisting people are double-vaxxed," Brezina said. "If the distancing is needed ... then we'll rehearse in such a fashion that protects everybody's well-being."

When it comes to the actors performing close to each other on stage, Brezina said some scenes can be re-imagined to reduce the risk between actors, audience members, and the stage crew.

"We're hoping for the best," he said. "We're hoping things are going to loosen up."

Season passes are on sale now for \$160, and will be available until Jan. 31, 2022.

The community can also visit the Highlands Summer Festival's revamped website by visiting [highlandssummerfestival.on.ca](http://highlandssummerfestival.on.ca)



# Help 'Fill-A-Cruiser'

The OPP is asking the public to bring their giving spirit between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. to grocery stores in Haliburton and Minden on Saturday, Dec. 4.

As part of the police's Annual "Fill-a-Cruiser" event in the Haliburton Highlands, members of the local OPP detachment and members of the auxiliary will be accepting non-perishables in Haliburton from 10 a.m. to noon at the Haliburton Foodland and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Todd's Independent, and will also be in Minden collecting food at Easton's Valu-Mart from 10 p.m. to noon and then Dello's Foodland from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

All of the donations will be distributed to food banks in the community where they will be then be given to those in need.

"The OPP would like to thank the public for their ongoing support for this event, as well as the grocery store owners, managers and staff," stated in a press release.



Staff



## Benefits of vaccine outweigh risks: Health Canada

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of data from Pfizer-BioNTech for children aged five to 11 on Oct. 18, announcing at that time the group would review it to ensure the vaccine is safe and effective for younger age groups. Moderna also submitted data for its vaccine for the same age group last week, which is currently under review.

"After a thorough and independent scientific review of the evidence, the department has determined that the benefits of this vaccine for children between five and 11 years of age outweigh the risks," reads Friday's statement from Health Canada. "Health Canada has authorized a two-dose regimen of 10 micrograms to be administered three weeks apart, which is a lower dose than the 30 micrograms two-dose regimen authorized for people 12 years of age and older. The clinical trial showed that the immune response in children five to 11 years of age was comparable to the immune response in people 16 to 25 years of age. The vaccine was 90.7 per cent effective at preventing COVID-19 in children five to 11 years of age and no serious side effects were identified."

The federal government has said more than 2.9 million pediatric doses of vaccine – about one-third the size of the adult dose – will be available as early as this week. While the two-dose regimen is authorized to be given three weeks apart, which could mean some kids could be vaccinated by Christmas, the National Advisory Committee on Immunization has recommended doses be given at least eight weeks apart for the best immune response.

The HKPRD health unit has been preparing for the possible approval of the vaccine, and reopened mass vaccine clinics throughout the region, including in Minden, last month. Dr. Natalie Bocking, medical officer of health, said it was likely there wouldn't be a tiered system for different ages and that anyone between the ages of five to 11 would likely be able to receive their vaccine when available. She said it will be available at the vaccine clinics, as well as through some medical offices and pharmacies, but there are not yet plans for in-school vaccine clinics.

"Possible side effects can include: sore arm, swelling, redness near the injection site, tiredness, headache, achy muscles/joints, fever and chills," reads the

health unit's page on the COVID-19 vaccine for children. "Very rare cases of myocarditis and pericarditis (heart inflammation) have been reported. The benefit of COVID-19 vaccination outweighs the very rare risk."

According to the Public Health Agency of Canada, just more than 21 per cent of COVID-19 cases in Canada to date have been in people under the age of 19. Since the pandemic began in March 2020, more than 1,950 people under the age of 19 have been hospitalized, accounting for just more than two per cent of hospitalizations due to COVID-19 in Canada. Nineteen people in that age group have died.

The COVID-19 vaccine has been administered in youth in the United States since the beginning of this month. Children above six in countries including Chile, Ecuador, China and Malaysia, and children as young as two in Cuba and three in Argentina and the United Arab Emirates have been able to access different brands of vaccinations since as early as June this year.

According to Health Canada, terms and conditions have been placed requiring ongoing safety and efficacy information to be submitted by Pfizer-BioNTech.

"This will provide the department with more data from ongoing studies and real-world use to ensure that the benefits of the vaccine continue to outweigh any risks, as well as to detect any potential new safety signals in any age group," reads the Nov. 19 statement. "In keeping with the department's commitment to openness and transparency, Health Canada is publishing multiple documents related to this decision, including a high-level summary of the evidence it reviewed. Health Canada and the Public Health Agency of Canada will continue to closely monitor the safety of this vaccine, and will take action if any safety concerns are identified."

Further information on how the vaccines are studied and tested, possible side effects and specific information about vaccines approved is available at <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/vaccination-children/covid-19.html>. Families with children can also visit <https://www.sickkids.ca/en/care-services/support-services/covid-19-vaccine-consult/> or call 437-881-3505 to book an appointment to speak to a pediatric registered nurse about questions and concerns.



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A walker with a dog, trailing behind walk through snow that blanketed Head Lake Park after an early-morning snowfall last week./DARREN LUM Staff



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I know lots of people here consider soccer like they would

watching paint dry, but this story of an under-dog team of up and coming players from a country not known for soccer is bigger than its potential for athletic achievement.

We all need something to remind us of how a concerted effort and a belief in what is possible can overcome the odds, like what Haliburton has faced with the pandemic.

There are examples of our community's generosity and collaboration to help those in need, whether it's the Places for People's Sleeping in Cars event to raise awareness and money to help people with affordable housing, the upcoming Highlands Christmas Shindig, which raises money for Fuel for Warmth,

or free events that just help to make people smile with the return of the Haliburton Village Santa Claus Parade organized by the Haliburton and District Lions Club with support by the BIA, and the second Rotary Community Santa Claus "Drive-Thru Edition."

We can hope all we want, but, like Haliburton, the men's soccer team has shown that putting in the work, standing together with purpose can yield progress to the light.



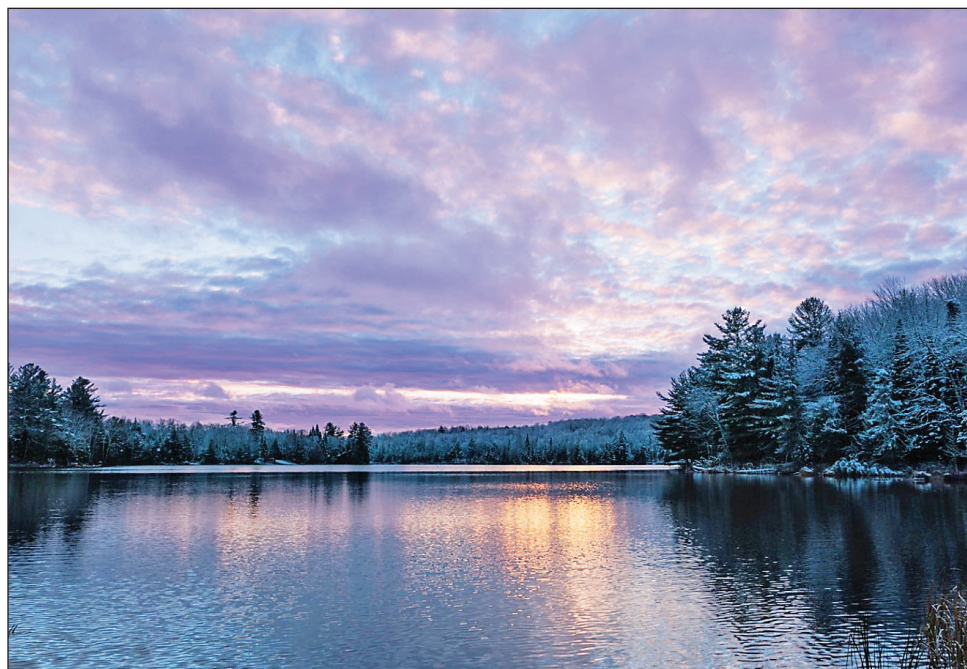
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Sunset over Boyne Lake (from Harburn Road). / Submitted by Christine Lundvall

## The blue heart

**M**Y GOOD friend "D" was in a serious biking accident in September. He received outstanding care from the moment the Haliburton County Paramedics arrived to help him up, to our local doctors who took care of him and had him flown to St. Michael's in Toronto.

During his six weeks at St. Mike's he received excellent care from the many health professionals who worked with him. D is back home now and is doing really well. He is determined to have a full recovery – good thing he has a friend who is a yoga teacher here ... hee hee). He is also determined to get back outside to do all the things he loves to do. D's wife "J" spent six weeks in Toronto staying with a friend and visiting him every day.

I think we all can say how grateful we are for the support of friends, family and community when these challenges arise. While J was in Toronto she noticed bright shining neon hearts in the windows of many, many homes. The hearts were all different colours and really visible. She learned that the hearts come from a project called "Our Glowing Hearts (OGH)" and was started during the pandemic by a company that was out of work (for a while) and so became creative.

They created the neon hearts to be "loving lights" as a way to show love and support to health-care heroes, frontline workers, live entertainment workers, and anyone passing by who notices them in the windows. The heart shape is an international symbol

of love. The creators re-imagined the heart shape and crafted it into a beautiful, hand-made, glowing neon light that is a work of art. The idea was to spread love. To remind people that love is everywhere. And also to send out hope and gratitude into the community. To remind people that we will get through these challenging times.

My friends, D and J received so much love and support from family, friends, neighbours and the whole community during the time they were away from home. They are incredibly grateful for all the notes, cards, bowls of soup, loaves, yard work and phone calls.

All of the support helped every step of the way. They wanted to say thank you to everyone and decided to purchase a blue "neon" heart and place it in the corner window of the Blue Sky Yoga Studio because it is visible to everyone who passes by. If you drive by the studio, night or day, you will see it shining brightly,

saying thank you from their hearts to the entire community. It makes me smile every time I go by it. It reminds me of the power of community, love and the importance of hope.

The founders of OGH have had been donating a portion of their sales and at by the end of September had donated \$70,000 to a hospital in Toronto. They have expanded their line and now have smaller hearts for children and part of the proceeds of the funds raised go to War Child Canada. Human creativity and compassion is endless. For more information see [www.ourglowinghearts.ca](http://www.ourglowinghearts.ca).

Tales from  
the great



lynda shadbolt

## Green meadow



# points of view

## Chews wisely

OF ALL THE things the pandemic has taken from us, I think the cruelest is that a whole generation of kids might never know the joy that comes from watching someone else try to blow a bubble. Masks, and the idea that an exploding bubble of gum is probably a highly efficient means of transmission, have ended that.

For now, at least.

When we were kids, there were two kinds of people: those who excelled at blowing bubbles and those who did not. Nobody wanted to see the former.

Ah, but the latter provided entertainment of the highest order.

The only ingredients for such an event were bored kids, small change and a gumball machine. Not any gumball machine either. No, you wanted a machine that was malfunctioning. One that would let you turn the handle twice or more for each coin you put in it – dispensing more gumballs than legally permitted.

There was risk in this, of course. For every kid knew that taking advantage of a machine like this was illegal under the Criminal Code of Canada and frowned upon by judges everywhere. Heck, we all knew one person who knew another person, who knew another person, who knew another person whose cousin's older brother had done hard time for this.

We all imagined being asked, "Hey kid, what are you in here for?"

And answering with, "Illegal gumballs. Now scram and let me do my time here in peace."

I can only talk about this now

because the statute of limitations has run its course – and frankly, I have reformed.

Nevertheless, finding a machine like that allowed us to load up with enough gumballs to get us through till spring, because even a kid knew that the last thing you want to do is try to chew a frozen jawbreaker. Those things were what kept dentists in new cars.

And to be sure, we chewed some, but the main purpose was to give a lint-covered gumball to that kid who was brave enough to try to blow a bubble.

Ideally, you hoped the kid had enough ability to expand one to about the size of a cantaloupe. But what you were also looking for was a kid who did not know his limitations – the dreamer who, with a little egging on, tried to blow that bubble to watermelon size. That was the Holy Grail of bubble blowing.

There was a rumour that Chuck Miller's sister had blown such a magnificent bubble. But also that she had paid the ultimate price when a gust of wind sent her and it airborne and adrift towards Newfoundland.

Rumour had it that, aside from that one unfortunate incident, it had never been achieved.

Yet, many foolhardy kids tried because, frankly, who doesn't want immortality.

Every attempt I ever watched went wrong. Sometimes horribly wrong too – particularly, if the kid had long, unruly hair. Sadly, we had no cell phone cameras back then, so you'll just have to take my word for it, but during summer, extricating such a kid from a failed bubble blowing attempt could take the better part of a day – and occasionally a haircut.

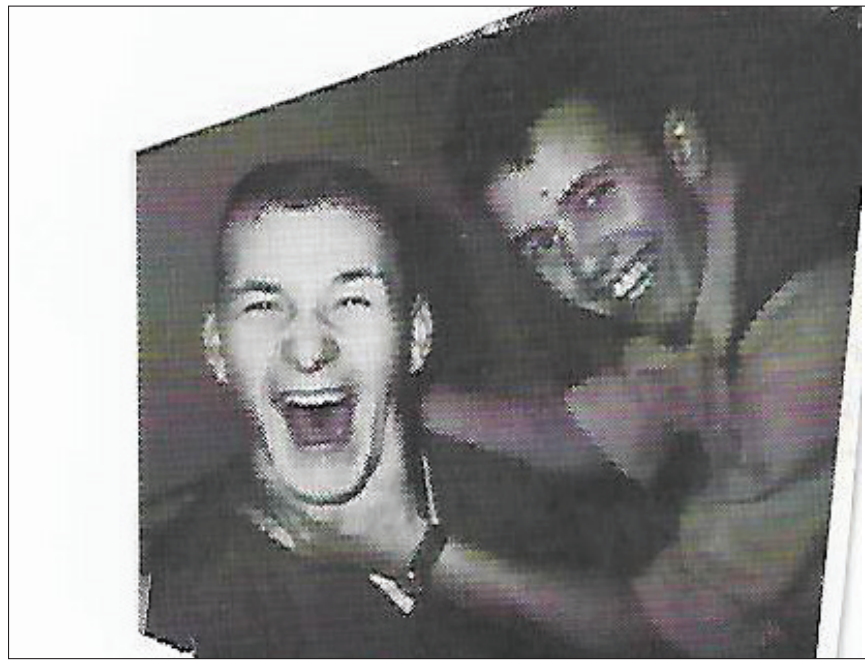
It's sad that this is no longer something kids today can safely experience, although I suppose they could, provided everyone stood at least six feet apart and upwind of the bubble blower. My only advice is to wait for a day when there is no prevailing wind.

Newfoundland is cold this time of year.



steve  
galea

## Loon Tales



## pic of the past

"Two old friends from days gone by." Dick Schell, left, who now lives in Minden and Danny Varty, right, who lives out west in Crowe's Pass, Alberta. Taken at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, Sept. 1961. /Submitted by Nancy (Best) Hummel

## No condos for Grass Lake

### To the Editor

I feel compelled to write and express my serious concern against the proposed Official Plan and zoning bylaw amendments for a condominium development on Peninsula Road on Grass Lake, just outside of Haliburton. The site is predominantly a wetlands! Part of it is even designated as environmentally protected! For many years, our family has watched, with great consternation, as truckload after truckload of fill have been dumped and graded over the upper wetlands and a land bridge built to its island.

Concerns about this have been raised over the years, but the developer was apparently deemed by 'authorities' to be legally compliant. This does not negate the fact that the developers' actions have clearly not been in the spirit of what it means to protect the environment, or enact responsible stewardship. Where was Dysart Council, the Official Plan or municipal bylaws when someone can get away with doing this to Dysart's most valuable resource – its land, its water, its wildlife and fish habitat?

There is no need for this kind of development so perilously close to a wetlands that is such an integral part of Grass Lake – a little lake that is already over its recreational carrying capacity, according to Dysart's own Official Plan. Both permanent and seasonal residents alike around the lake and beyond are furious that this proposal could even be entertained for this treasured site. And no wonder, when one can easily imagine a sprawling footprint for 88 units, driveways and parking spread across the site.

It should be a 'slam dunk' that Dysart Council ensures these applications are turned down with a unanimous 'NO!' In so doing, Council would be setting a laudable precedent, if not its legacy, setting the bar to ensure that development in Haliburton proceeds in concert with the environmental stewardship principles set down in its own Official Plan. Voting against the applications should be a "no-brainer."

Allison Elliot  
Peninsula Road  
Haliburton

## Government needs to wake up

### To the Editor,

Like many of your readers, we are stunned by the unprecedented severe storms and the resulting mud slides and flooding that has occurred in BC. We listened to experts and BC residents talk about the wild fires, development and logging practises that have removed vast swaths of trees and other vegetation such that when the record torrential rains came there was little to slow down the sudden and catastrophic mud slides.

A recent report as part of our County's Community Climate Action Plan stated that "the weather in Haliburton County is expected to get warmer, wetter and wilder." We increasingly receive a month's worth of rain over two days and three times over six years the Burnt and Gull Rivers have overflowed and Minden had to declare a

state of emergency on all three occasions.

On the heels of the UN Climate Change Conference and in the wake of events in BC this is surely a wake-up call for our local governments to take climate change much more seriously and step up planning measures to prevent future man-made disasters.

A good first step would be to regulate site alterations and call for a moratorium on developments next to floodplains and wetlands. Why? The County does not have a site alteration bylaw nor, after five years does it have a shoreline preservation by-law. Furthermore there are no regulations to protect trees on properties under 10 acres. Deforestation can and does happen one lot at a time. The environment, people's safety, our assets

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# Hodgson Engine at the heart of Haliburton's strength

DARREN LUM

Editor

People walking by the “Hodgson” engine in its current state of dormancy at the Haliburton Highlands Museum may not see anything but a relic of the past with little importance and significance to their lives. However for those that saw it in action, turning, pumping and screaming with force and strength to power the machinery at the Haliburton Lake Mill in Fort Irwin, it was more than just the main energy source of a lumber mill. It also provided this community and the Hodgson family a foundation from which success sprung and the town could be built and prosper.

This past summer the engine with its seven-foot flywheel was given its likely final resting place on a concrete base at the front of the museum. This was two years in the making, plus close to 60 more years of waiting in its previous home as part of a working display of steam powered engines at the Pickering Village Museum.

Born in Burnt River, Clayton Wesley Hodgson, or just “Clayt” moved to the Haliburton area and worked at the Donald chemical plant where he organized teamsters drawing cordwood into the plant. Clayt then established The Hodgson Brothers Lumber Company with brother Tom, who later became the CEO of Standard Chemical Co. Clayt became a lumberman of significant stature.

It is believed he bought the engine second-hand for his saw mill on Haliburton Lake in 1941. Clayt was known to be a man of high morals and the engine enabled him to not just increase production utilizing the latest in engine technology, but helped him build a prosperity that he shared with his employees and anyone that needed a helping hand in the community.

Clayt wasn't just a lumberman, but took his commitment to helping others to public office. He became Member of Parliament for the Haliburton riding in 1945 and served until 1963 when he stepped down.

Museum curator Steve Hill, who is a fountain of historical information, said Clayt was the type of man that didn't just put his old workers “out to pasture.”

He said the aging crew members, who were no longer “good on their pins,” were kept employed because it ensured their self-worth was maintained in the community.

Born and raised in Haliburton, Bill Gliddon, 82, is one resident who knows the generosity of the Hodgsons personally. He said Clayt and his wife Phyllis (Dart) helped people whenever they could. While growing up during the Depression he remembers many families struggled, his own included. Although his parents paid back the money they were given, it was never asked for or expected by the Hodgsons. They simply cared for everyone. It gave tangible hope at a time little could be found. If it wasn't for the generosity of Clayt and Phyllis, he's not sure how his family would have made it, let alone the town. Bill's teaching career and the students he taught benefited by the Hodgsons' benevolence. J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School is named after Doug, who taught Gliddon history at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. He can still remember the intriguing history lessons, which inspired him to be a teacher. When Doug became a director of education for the Haliburton County Board of Education



A few weeks ago, the surviving children to Clayt Hodgson, who are Margaret Downey, Tom Hodgson and Anna English came together to see and talk about the “Hodgson” steam engine, which is located in front of the Haliburton Highlands Museum in Haliburton. An official unveiling ceremony is expected to be held this coming spring. /DARREN LUM Staff

he encouraged Bill to take courses, which could provide a path towards becoming a music teacher in the county. Bill went on to not just teach, but share his passion for music, expression and creativity with generations of children. Even in retirement Bill is an example for what is good here, as evident by his Highlander of the Year recognition from several years ago.

The Hodgson Engine is a single-cylinder stationary steam-powered engine and was built by the Waterous company in Brantford. It was used to run a drive belt from its flywheel, which transferred power to machinery such as the circular saws. The engine had a boiler, which utilized sawdust for fuel, but is not part of the display because it did not last. The saw mill was responsible for processing large volumes of lumber for the Second World War effort.

Without a serial number, the age of the engine is unknown. In 1949, the mill and the engine was then bought by son, Ronald Glen Hodgson, who went by Glen. Like his father, Glen served the riding as its Member of Provincial Parliament, which was from 1963 to 1975. By the early-1960s the mill closed and the engine needed a new home. Glen found he didn't want to leave the engine for scrap and couldn't sell it, being outdated. At this time Haliburton didn't have a museum, so when the Pickering Village Museum wanted to establish a working engine display they found a willing donor in Glen.

Quick to poke fun at each other, Clayt's three surviving children Tom Hodgson, Anna English and Margaret Downey came to see the engine together for the

first time at the Haliburton Highlands Museum.

They clearly have an affection for one another and believe the importance of the engine finding its rightful place in front of the museum would have been something their father and late-brother, Glen would have appreciated. It was well-known that Glen was behind years of work to have the engine be returned.

When Tom saw the engine in person he said it took him back to when he was nine years-old and made the trip north with his father and the mill's engineer George Thayer.

“My dad heard about this new technology where you don't use slabs in there to make steam. You use the sawdust to fire up the engine and make steam, so he went up north somewhere and I'm not sure where it was, probably, North Bay up in that that area,” he said.

It cemented his interest in the engine, which was furthered by George's impromptu lessons.

“It was an exciting thing to watch when he turned the power on in that mill. That is to turn the steam on. He had to have it hot at that time, so he had to be there to do that,” he said.

He adds tonnes of sawdust was needed to bring the engine up to temperature.

“I remember him so clearly, looking into a hole to see the fire if it was hot and it was really doing its job,” he said.

At the mill, it was usually started by 7 a.m. when George would slowly turn the red wheel on the engine to give power to turn the “great big wheel.”

He adds, the intrigue was in the buildup, which translates to the noise and

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*[Clayt] was well thought of and did so many things for the area. This is a remembrance of the glory days for him and the lumber mill.*

— Anna English, Clayt's daughter

the recognition of the resulting energy required to power the mill, he said.

Clayt's youngest daughter, Anna couldn't quite get over how large the flywheel looked to her now as an adult, decades after not seeing the engine. She said the engine's return has significance to their family, how it powered the lumber industry, but also for its connection to the past and her father, who they all respected and loved.

“He was well thought of and did so many things for the area. This is a remembrance of the glory days for him and the lumber mill. Yeah, I am sentimental about that,” she said.

Although the boys, Tom and late-brothers Glen and Doug, all worked at the mill, the sisters had different, but equally memorable experiences.

As a child, Margaret said, George was more interesting than the engine. She fondly remembers how much he appreci-

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# Glen Hodgson's efforts realized without him to see it

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ated her interest and was happy to educate her and her late-brother Louis.

"He was so genuinely interested in us and showing us. I was just a little kid running around. He was just amazing that way. He would call Lou and I over and say, 'see how this goes and see how that goes.' And he was just amazing that way," she said.

She believes George was a man that was proud about his profession and wanted to share his knowledge.

Although Margaret knew the Hodgson engine had been taken to Pickering Museum, she never made the trip to see it. Despite the disappointment that the engine was no longer in Haliburton, she took solace in knowing the engine used to educate others with its part in a demonstration display. She accepted the circumstance under which the engine had to leave.

"I knew it had to be. It wasn't a decision that was badly made. I just felt badly that the museum couldn't have had it here," she said.

Her siblings only knew of the engine's whereabouts when it had been returned.

At the crux of the Hodgson engine leaving was how there wasn't a museum here to have it, so the mere existence of the Highlands museum here now is what makes all this possible, which is not a concept lost on Anna.

"I think it is a wonderful thing we have a museum in Haliburton. It has so many things of so many families of days gone by. Somebody like Steve [Hill] has been such a worker here. We appreciate him," she said.

The Hodgson family members' notable success stories include Clayt's son Louis, who was the MPP from 1963 to 1967 for Scarborough East riding, or his grandson Chris, who was the reeve of Dysart et al and the warden of Haliburton County in the 1990s before he served as a MPP for the Haliburton-Victoria-Brock riding from 1994 to 2003. There is also grandson and son to Anna, Bob English, who was a long-time manager of the Haliburton County Emergency Medical Services before moving, grandson Andrew, who is a successful realtor and Rotary Club member, who volunteers and contributes to local causes, grandson Keith, who is a forester that has volunteered for various initiatives with the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association and independently. There is also great-grandson and son to Chris, Cody Hodgson, who was a centreman in the NHL, playing for the Vancouver Canucks and the Nashville Predators.

An opportunity decades in the waiting.

A few years after it was given to Pickering Village Museum, Haliburton established the Haliburton Highlands Pioneer Museum (now the Haliburton Highlands Museum) in 1967, Glen asked to buy the engine back. At the time, he was appointed to the board of the directors of the museum by Dysart et al close to 1983. However, the Pickering museum said the engine was part of an educational working display and needed it to stay. The engine served this educational role until 2012 when the province implemented new safety regulations and changes to insurance liability had compelled the Pickering Village Museum to end the program. In 2017, Ellen Tayles of the Pickering Village Museum contacted the museum in Haliburton about relinquishing the engine. The one catch was the transportation needed to be covered and arranged by the museum. When the Rotary Club of Haliburton learned about this challenge they donated \$3,000, so it could be delivered in 2018. This provided the necessary first step towards having the engine return, which was also supported by various people, including Kim Emmerson of Emmerson Lumber, Pat Casey of Total Site Services and Derek Rowden of D and K Masonry, who poured the concrete for the mounting pad in 2018. It was fully installed late this summer with Dennis Casey, helping to organize the final stages of the project.

Ted Brandon, who was the serving president of the Rotary Club when the donation was made, said giving the money was in keeping with the club's efforts to support the museum and they saw the engine for its historical importance to Haliburton.

"Obviously, the Hodgson Engine is also part of our history and we thought it was important to take advantage of that opportunity and get it back home," he said.

Ted said it's worth noting the club has always supported the museum since it started as the Haliburton Pioneer Museum when it was housed in the Reid House.

It not only helped finance the building of the current facility that houses the Haliburton Highlands Museum, but had bought the Reid House. It was later moved to Glebe Park and is now a historical attraction located

beside the museum.

Glen wasn't very talkative. He let his actions speak for themselves. He spent years trying to bring the engine home and Anna believes her brother would be really happy about the Hodgson engine coming home.

"It would be wonderful if Glen were here in-person. It's not possible. For him to see the mill being dismantled and know the value of something like [the engine]

for its history, if nothing else, and we didn't have a museum," she said.

Margaret agrees with her older sister.

"He wanted that and he would be thrilled that it was back here," she said.

*With files from Echo archives*

## Development threatens wetlands

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and our tax dollars are at stake.

Post BC it's clear that the existing guidelines for determining the role and size of a floodplain no longer apply. Furthermore Haliburton County has just started to re-map flood plains along its lakes and rivers.

The largest development proposal coming before Dysart and [Haliburton] County is a condominium and commercial development proposed for the south-west Grass Lake Wetland. The proposed condominiums would house upwards of 150 people, a conservative estimate at that. If approved the development could see the complete removal of the remaining forest canopy 30-metres above the shoreline and replaced with 88 condo units, parking lots, driveways, extensive board walk, patios, and even grass which will have an immediate impact on Grass Lake and the Kashagawigamog chain of lakes. Commercial operations like a gas station, fuel depot or car rental agency could further cover 80 per cent of a lot that borders the high water mark. That's a lot of hard surface that doesn't absorb water and such surfaces create additional contaminated runoff that will flow into the wetland and lake. Wetlands are critical to filtering contaminated runoff from surrounding human habitation, cleaning and recharging the aquifers and discharging runoff from the spring thaw and torrential rain events but they have a limit. The ecological

collapse of our wetlands and lakes could cost tax payers billions of dollars in future remediation costs.

The Grass Lake wetlands of which there are three, are already overburdened. Grass Lake is significant for its location in the Village of Haliburton, notably as the lowest catchment point for all the contaminated runoff from nearby commercial businesses, the roads and highways that run too close to its perimeter, the village landfill, the industrial park, and the discharge from the sanitary sewage plant.

The forested hillsides and shorelands that surround our villages and lakes also play a critical role in our safety, health and well-being. Forests filter and regulate the flow of water, namely their leaves capture and slow the fall of rain to the forest floor, which acts like an enormous sponge, absorbing up to 46 centimetres (15 inches) of precipitation before gradually releasing it to streams and recharging ground water. On average an untouched forest floor can absorb two-thirds more rain than a cover of suburban turf.

Many of our lakes are in distress and if a balance between the environment and development is not respected then complete ecological collapse could be on the horizon.

**Carolyn Langdon on behalf of the Langdon family  
Grass Lake, Haliburton**



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# The Christmas season is upon us

ANGELICA INGRAM

*BIA in the Village*

News from the North Pole travels fast and word on the street is the big man himself is going to be in Haliburton Village this Friday, Nov. 26.

That's right, the annual Santa Claus Parade is returning and the evening of festivities kicks off downtown at

6 p.m. in front of the Village Barn with a tree lighting ceremony and live music performed by Gord Kidd. The parade will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will follow the usual downtown route through the village. This year COVID-19 protocols will be in affect and parade spectators are being asked to stay six-feet apart and wear a mask. And be sure to welcome parade marshall and community personality Mike Jaycock with a friendly but socially distant wave!

If you have been out and about shopping in the past few days you have probably noticed the return of the popular Haliburton BIA Buy In And Win promotion. A crowd favourite, the contest kicked off on Nov. 19 and will be running until Dec. 23.

Simply visit any BIA member and fill out a ballot for your chance to win \$1,500 in gift certificates. The more often you shop, the more chances you have to enter. On Dec. 24, the winner will be drawn live on air at noon on the Moose FM. The gift certificates can be redeemed at any BIA member business. For a full list of contest rules, visit the BIA's Facebook page. Remember, the more you shop the more opportunities you have to win!

Speaking of shopping, another popular event is returning this year after a one-year hiatus and that is Ladies Shopping Night. Taking place on Dec. 9 from 5 to 8 p.m., Ladies Shopping Night is a fun and merry way to get everyone checked off your Christmas list while enjoying sales, sipping hot chocolate and getting a chance to win more great prizes! Begin your evening by picking up a passport, which has a list of participating businesses. Simply visit five or more businesses and get your card filled up with signatures. At the end of the night drop your passport into our raffle, for a chance to win a \$100 gift card to the BIA business of your choice! On top of staying open late, many of our downtown retailers will be offering great discounts and promotions that night, as well as door prizes. Need to warm up while you shop? Visit our hot chocolate station in front of the Village Barn and enjoy the delightful sounds of carolers strolling through the streets. This event is one you won't want to miss and the best part is you don't have to drive far to get everything you need for the holidays. Keep your eye out for more info coming soon, including a list of participating retailers.

In recent days, our town banners have been removed and the beautiful snowflake lights have returned just in time for the Christmas season. A beautiful Christmas tree was erected in front of the Village Barn and once again we invite everyone to help us decorate it by putting up their very own ornament. It can be sentimental, homemade or both! The choice is yours. Simply add it to the tree for all to admire.

Until next month stay safe, stay healthy and stay festive.



## Trimming tyke handoff

Haliburton residents Elizabeth Gordon and 18-month old daughter Gemma add their ornament to the Christmas tree on Sunday, Nov. 21 at the Village Barn in downtown Haliburton. Donated by Haliburton resident Andy Salvatori, the 38-foot tall tree is the tallest yet for this event and the public is being asked to come out and help add their own ornaments to it and help trim the tree, which began Sunday. This Friday night at 5 p.m. there will be caroling with Gord Kidd and the tree lighting will follow at 6 p.m. just before the Santa Claus Parade at 6:30 p.m. These Christmas initiatives are being coordinated by the Haliburton and District Lions Club with support by the BIA. /DARREN LUM Staff

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### Storm surge to B finals

Highland Storm under-18 rep captain Hunter Winder clears the puck past forechecking Midland player Owen Lamoraux at the Cody Hodgson Classic hockey tournament on Saturday, Nov. 20 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden. The Storm lost to Midland 3-1, but went on to beat Niagara 2-1, lose 2-1 to Belleville, beat Bancroft 1-0 in the B semi-final and then lost 6-0 to Owen Sound in the B final of the tournament held from Nov. 20 to 21. /Photos by DARREN LUM Staff



Highland Storm under-18 rep player Nick Phippen, left, hits Midland defenceman Aidan Charlebois.



Highland Storm under-18 rep player Avery Degeer looks to disrupt a clearing attempt by Midland defenceman Owen Lamoraux at the Cody Hodgson Classic hockey tournament.



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# Huskies take down Admirals and Patriots on extended road trip



ALEX GALLACHER

*Special to the Echo*

The Haliburton County Huskies are currently on an extended four-game Ontario Junior Hockey League road trip facing off against the North York Rangers, Caledon Admirals, Toronto Patriots and concluding against the Cobourg Cougars.

While the game against Cougars has yet to be played, the Huskies went 2-0-0-1 in their first three games, picking up a total of five out of six potential points. In the first game played Sunday Nov. 14 at the Herbert Carnegie Centre, the Huskies jumped out to a 3-0 lead courtesy of goals from Nick Athanasakos, and two from Oliver Tarr. One of which was an amazing Michigan style goal – when a player picks up the puck from the ice surface (like a lacrosse player) and carries the puck up and scores, putting the puck in the top corner while standing behind the net in one motion.

The Rangers, who have dropped both prior meetings with the Huskies wanted revenge. Netting two in the second period, the Rangers would tie the game up in the third off a goal from Luca Rea.

At 3:15 in the OT period, Anthony Piccininno would score unassisted to give the Rangers the win and keeping the Huskies at only one point gained.

Three days later, the Huskies headed to Caledon to take on the Admirals for the first time in franchise history. The Huskies exploded for an amazing and diverse display of offense, Sam Solarino netted his sixth goal of the season with Jonah Cochrane netting his first career OJHL goal.

In the second, Huskies forward Ethan Gonsalves netted his first career OJHL goal with Athanasakos netting a goal in back-to-back games. Ending the period at 4-0, the Huskies had one more period to go and they weren't done scoring yet.

Lucas Stevenson added his sixth goal of the season on the power play, while the Admirals' Jack Guerra failed to convert on a penalty shot. The final goal of the contest was tallied by Sam Solarino for his second of the game and seventh of the season, his short-handed goal was assisted by Haliburton's own, Ryan Hall.

The final game of the week was held on Saturday Nov. 20 at the Westwood Arena in Etobicoke against the Patriots. Toronto would jump to an early 1-0 lead thanks to a goal from Jacob Guest. The Huskies answered with two of their own. Athanasakos tallied a goal in his third game in a row, while teammate Bryce Richardson scored on the power play. Stevenson added another on the power play for the only goal of the second.

The final goal of the contest came off the stick of Toronto's Nolan Lowe, but the Huskies held on for a 3-2 victory and will head to Cobourg looking to make it three wins in a row. The next Huskies home game will be Friday Nov. 26 against the Cougars, who were blown out 5-0 in their last visit to the S.G. Nesbitt arena in Minden.

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# Taking a shot at life before the pandemic

DARREN LUM

Editor

"Pondimonium" is back and the hope is it serves as another step towards life before the pandemic, said the organizer of the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships.

After a two-year hiatus, the pond hockey tournament is returning to the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre in Haliburton.

It starts with the Jan. 28 to 29 weekend and then finishes with the Feb. 4 to 5 weekend. The event has drawn upwards of 1000 men and women organized into 10 divisions, playing close to 300 games on the 14-acre pond over two weekends in front of the hotel located beside County Road 21.

John Teljeur, who doesn't expect as many players this year, is excited about holding the event, but is cautiously optimistic and believes this event is what the community needs.

"Let's just give this a shot and see what happens. The players were driving us crazy. They were like, 'Are we doing it? Are we doing?' If we can, yeah," he said.

He adds volunteers had also been inquiring about the event, which was primarily uncertain because of the ever-changing landscape regarding health recommendations pertaining to COVID-19.

"You couldn't go through the grocery store [when] people that know me they would say, 'John, I keep getting asked about pond hockey.' I wish I knew. So, it was like, Okay, guys. We got to get back to some sort of normalcy and maybe this is what some of us need, so let's just give it shot and if we can't do it, we can't, but right now we can. So, let's give it our best shot," he said.

"It would be a really huge step to getting back our lives. We've been apart for almost two years. Because the event is so much fun I think a lot of people really need that more than they probably had. It's one of those things. You get to bond with people and have some fun and be yourselves for a weekend. It's nice way to get back into things," he said.

Teljeur said he welcomes volunteers to help him run the event, which makes a donation to the Heat Bank Haliburton County, particularly with game management.

With a minimum of a four-hour shift, volunteers are not only permitted access to indoor venues where live entertainment is expected, but will be given swag, as provided by sponsors, and fed meals during their time helping. He adds individuals under 18 are welcome, but need to have adult supervision by a parent or guardian. If interested register online with the event's website (canadapondhockey.ca) or contact organizers.

Masking will be required when entering facilities and players must be double-vaccinated to participate in the closed event. Players, volunteers and resort staff will be permitted to go inside to eat or watch the planned live entertainment. Teljeur wasn't sure about indoor events because of capacity limits related to COVID-19 protocols, but is considering an outdoor option with a tent.

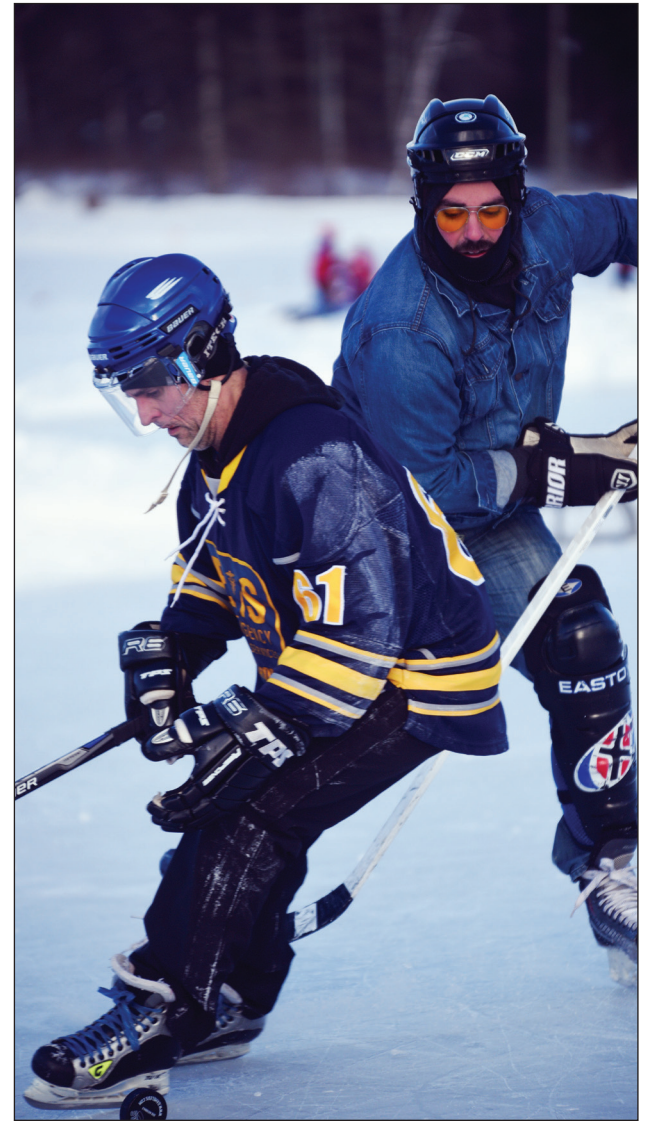
"I just don't know which way it's going to go, so we have to keep all our options open," he said.

Typically, the event's organization starts in June with previous year's teams being contacted first, but this year's start occurred just a few weeks ago with registration.

Now, it's all about waiting for any changes to provincial guidelines pertaining to health measures to prevent the transmission of COVID-19.

"Pray that we're on the right side of this thing so we can do this because I think this can be a nice distraction, including myself who has just about had enough of this stuff. It's exhausting. This is not going to be a picnic, but it's worth the effort, if we can just get back to a little bit of normalcy," he said.

It will be three years since the last Canadian National Pond Hockey was last held, as seen in this file image with Hat Trick Swayze player, left, and a Denim Danger player at the Pinestone Resort in Haliburton. This year's event is held from Jan. 28 to 29 and then again from Feb. 4 to 5. See canadapondhockey.ca for more information.  
/DARREN LUM Staff



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# Tens of thousands of titles coming to HCPL members

Haliburton County Public Library card holders will soon have access to more than 30,000 documentaries, learning courses, children’s programs, and international films thanks to a \$2,200 donation from the Rotary Club of Haliburton.

The request for funding to enable HCPL’s 7,000 members access to Kanopy, an online streaming service was made to the club by HCPL CEO/Chief Librarian Christopher Stephenson in a letter dated Nov. 4. In the letter he wrote our recent shift to offering increased electronic resources means that residents heading into the winter months have access at home to more options for education and entertainment, particularly if they are reluctant to return to public facilities during an ongoing health crisis. The public library is for everyone, and we also aim to provide something which may appeal to everyone.

Stephenson explained to the club that HCPL library members can access e-Books, audiobooks, newspapers, language learning software, as well as Ancestry, the genealogical database which can be used to research family history.

The chief librarian said in his letter to the Rotary Club that every library member would receive approximately seven or eight credits each month to view content that interests them for free.

When asked what inspired him to seek funding for Kanopy Stephenson replied, too often librarians tell their communities that we’re more than just books. We’re always on the lookout for new formats and services, and in fact, it’s become increasingly difficult to source some new content in DVD format, so we were thrilled to find another option made for public libraries. We’ve also had people asking us about this particular platform. At the end of a typical year, when



Christopher Stephenson, CEO/chief librarian of the Haliburton County Public Library welcomed the \$2,200 donation from the Rotary Club of Haliburton president, Heather Phillips on Thursday, Nov. 18 at the Haliburton branch. /DAVID ZILSTRA Staff

branch.

Stephenson said, If it’s been awhile since you’ve had a library card or visited one of our HCPL branches, you can either sign up for a card online at [olco.ent.sirsidynix.net/client/en\\_US/haliburton/](http://olco.ent.sirsidynix.net/client/en_US/haliburton/) or you can stop in to see us in person to become a new member. Anyone living in or on the borders of Haliburton County can get a library card for free – including residents, cottagers, and students. There’s no age limit for using your library, but we do ask that youth under 16 get a parent’s signature. If you come to sign up, please, remember to bring some paperwork with your current address on it, such as a tax bill or a landfill card, for example. Signing up for a library membership is one of the best ways you can support your public library.”

The support from Rotary is greatly appreciated by Stephenson. When asked what the process of approaching Rotary for funding was like, he replied, “What a pleasure! I was asked to be a guest speaker at one of their recent meetings, and of course I always accept any opportunity to do some public library advocacy. As I got to know some of the Rotary Club members after my talk, I was told that if I had suggestions for how they might help Haliburton County Public Library, that I should put a request together and explain how the community could benefit from their support. They’re a very proactive group, and I think they were surprised by the diversity of resources the library strives to offer. And I’m glad that they got excited about the possibility of a streaming service, too.

Stephenson, who stepped into the role of CEO/chief librarian earlier this fall, said he is grateful to be part of a community that supports their library system.

He said, “Very often we get suggestions from patrons for new programs and services, donations, and people also help by sharing our events and news through social media. But I’m also impressed by the media support we receive. When there’s something new and great that the library staff are doing, the local newspapers and the radio really help us tell the community about it.

He hopes that people will use Kanopy, as well as the other digital resources available through the library.

Stephenson said we have Mango, an app that helps you learn new languages, as well as access to Canadian Major Dailies, a way to read newspaper articles online. Through the pandemic when people were spending more time at home, the digital part of many libraries began to expand. I believe that there should be something for everyone at the library, and thanks to this amazing financial support, my staff and I are excited to tell the community about Kanopy!

Staff



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Two new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Haliburton County by the health unit on Nov. 22, as well as a hospitalization - the fourth in the county since the pandemic began. / Screenshot from HKPRD health unit



# Youth Hub program connects youth with employment

NICK BERNARD

Staff Reporter

In the basement of a former church in Haliburton is a vivid and modern office space consulted and, in part, designed by local youth. The space serves an important function in making sure Haliburton youth feel encouraged to grow and succeed.

It is the Haliburton Youth Hub, run by the Point in Time Centre, and it's where the Lift program is helping youth aged 14 to 25 find meaningful employment within the community.

Operating since 2020, Lift is part of a cross-Canada pilot project by the Canadian Association for Mental Health (CAMH). Haliburton was chosen as a pilot hub because of its rural setting, as CAMH's interest is in seeing how the program would best succeed across all parts of the country. Lift is also running pilot programs in places like B.C. and the Maritimes.

Ryan Martin is part of the Hub's integrated team, acting as Lift's Individual Placement and Support worker. He works with clients directly in addressing their needs, developing their skills, and helping them navigate the workplace once they are employed.

The Lift program utilizes an individual placement and support model that Martin describes as an evidence-based approach for supported employment.

"One of the principles of that is Zero Exclusion, which means that the only criterion for them to participate in the program is a desire to work," Martin said. He provides most of the Hub's employment services, and works one-on-one with each client to learn their individual needs and interests before matching them up with a suitable employer.

"Supports are ... within the client's preferences," he said. Lift is unique in that individual plans continue for as long as a client needs them, "so there's really no set limit to the supports we can provide. And, sort of just working with them and being creative, finding out what their needs are, and asking them what they could use help with as they're going through their employment."

Mary Sisson is the Haliburton Youth Hub's manager.

"Something that we don't see as much [in other programs] and that I appreciate [with Lift] is the long-term support that youth can get," she said. "Not just in preparing for a job or for education goals, but also ... support as long as they need it."

She also describes the program's approach toward changing the way people think about mental health and employment. She describes it as using employment as a way of improving someone's mental health.

"Rather than waiting for someone to be complete, or saying, you know, let's help you get better before you find a job," she said.

Martin says he sees youth succeed through engagement with the hub and the Lift program in particular, and by seeing how youth's lives improve when they have the independence afforded to them by having a job.

"The desire to work has been seen in this program as the most important predictor for success," said Martin. "People have come in, and they say they're struggling with certain things and we give them encouragement. We work from a strength-based perspective and just say, 'yeah, we can find you a job, and we can work on any of these pieces that are challenging at the same time.'"

Martin and Sisson both agree that seeing the improvements in their clients in real-time has been their greatest satisfaction.

"Really, just seeing how the youth start to improve with engagement in the programs here," Martin said. "It's been really exciting just to see them build rapport with us and get more comfortable, and then see them building confidence. That's really exciting."

"It's just really incredible to see how employment can change someone's motivation," Sisson agreed. "It's lovely to see."

The Lift program sets out to get youth employed within a month, something that Martin has had huge success in fulfilling.

"Nobody so far has gone past the 30 days. They have been employed within the timeline that this model sets out."

Martin says one of the challenges he faces is getting youth to see how employment will benefit them, especially if they're struggling. Sometimes, he said, some youth don't engage after the first meeting with him, sometimes because they doubt their readiness and capability.

"There's a lot to do in the first meeting, even in the

first few meetings," he said. "So, it's getting that across to them that we do understand that with mental health challenges it can be hard, but that they do have the capability and the readiness."

Sisson agrees, saying that changing the way people perceive the benefits of being employed is a key aspect of the program.

"One of the values and beliefs of [Individual Support Plans, like what Lift provides] is that employment can be a part of treatment," Sisson said. "And in most cases, it helps someone's mental health improve, rather than waiting for someone's treatment to be complete and saying 'let's help you get better before you find a job.'"

Lift is just one of the Haliburton Youth Hub's services. In addition to Martin as the IPS worker, there is also a full-time nurse practitioner, mental health and addiction supports, peer support, and care coordination.

The Hub is also registered with Rainbow Health, and provides trans-positive and other sexual health supports. The Hub also has partnerships with institutions across the county, including with the Haliburton County Public Library.

If you are between the ages of 12 and 25, you can visit the Hub in Haliburton at 12 Dysart Avenue, near the Haliburton Junction Skate Park.

For more information at a glance, visit [pointintime.ca/youth/haliburton-youth-wellness-hub/](http://pointintime.ca/youth/haliburton-youth-wellness-hub/).



Mary Sisson, Haliburton Youth Wellness Hub manager, and Ryan Martin, Lift program individual placement and support worker, spoke with the Echo last week about a program designed to help youth find meaningful employment within the community. /NICK BERNARD Staff

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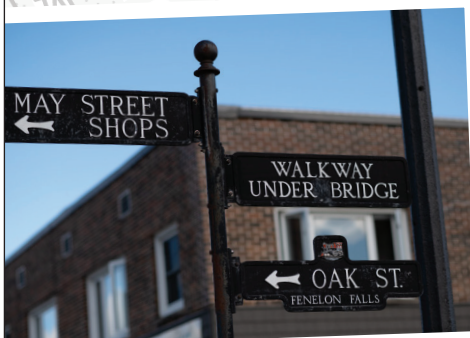


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# Decision on winter green burials deferred pending further investigation

CHRIS DROST

Staff Reporter

At the recent Highlands East council meeting on Nov. 9, the decision was made to defer a decision on including winter burials in the green burial portion of the proposed cemetery bylaw. Instead, council requested presentations from the Haliburton Highlands Green Burial Society (HHGBS) and Cemecare, a burial vault and cemetery management organization, to obtain answers to their questions so the decision they make will be an informed one. This meeting has since been set for Dec. 14.

The HHGBS is a newly created organization, establishing its first board of directors in January of 2020. It emerged initially through an Environment Haliburton (EH!) project that honored the environmental legacy of Kyle Moore, an EH! member who passed away in 2019 at the tender age of 36. This group began collecting donations with the goal of establishing year-round green burial options in Haliburton County. According to the HHGBS website, approximately \$5,000 has been raised to-date by 65 individual donors.

EH! created a working group with a recruitment of nine individuals to develop and plan to carry out year-round green burials across the four townships in Haliburton County. Eventually, the working group became a separate entity in Nov. 2019, HHGBS, and the first board of directors was appointed in Jan. 2020.

In February 2020, HHGBS presented a workshop on winter green burials for all municipalities that would like to participate. "We tried to answer all the practical questions," says HHGBS president, Terry Moore. In Highlands East, green burials have already been approved but the question of winter green burials still has to be settled. "The practical solutions are all there. This will give an option for families. Not everybody was able to attend the workshop so this is why council has questions," explains Moore.

Green burial societies have become more widespread in recent years. There is a Green Burial Society of Canada, the Natural Burial Association (Ontario) and a number of regional organizations across the country in Ottawa, the Cariboo and Burlington. Green burial societies can also be found in the U.S. and the U.K.

In Canada, the most common funeral practice is cremation. According to Statistics Canada, the rate of cremation grew from 47.7 per cent in 2000 to 73.1 per cent in 2020. Canada has laws about how remains are handled after death. In the case of a person dying of a communicable disease, like rabies for example, the body must be immediately sealed in a steel casket or container without embalming taking place. There are provincial licenses required for embalmers. Although embalming is not legally required in Canada, some provinces that require it if the burial will not take place within 72 hours.

According to the Green Burial Society of Canada website, [www.greenburials.ca](http://www.greenburials.ca), there are five principles of a green burial.

The first principle is that there is no embalming. Instead, the body is left to decompose naturally, without the need for adding chemicals to the body. Environmentally sensitive soaps, lotions and disinfectants can still be used to make it possible for the body to be prepared for viewing prior to burial.

The second principle of green burials is called direct earth burial. This means that the body, which is not embalmed, is simply wrapped in a shroud made of natural and biodegradable fibers and placed in the grave. A casket or container made of fully biodegradable materials can alternately be used, but no liners or vaults.

Ecological restoration and conservation, is the third principle of green burials. This means protecting the environmentally sensitive area where the burial takes place. Visitation to the grave is discouraged and in certain situations, prohibited, although in some locations foot paths and benches may make visitation possible. After the grave has settled, it is typically planted with local indigenous plants. The site must never be repurposed and must be kept protected for eternity.

The fourth principle is communal memorialization, meaning individual memorials are discouraged over communal ones. The objective is to make the green burial site a kind of living memorial to the individuals interred there rather than having separate engraved memorials.

The final principle of green burials is optimization of the land the cemetery occupies. This includes keeping

the infrastructure to a minimum, removing temporary roadways, and maximizing interment capacity.

When the Highlands East council has the opportunity to ask the HHGBS and Cemecare additional questions, it is expected that some of those questions will address concerns about how green winter burials could be handled in Highlands East. Logistics around snow removal, frozen ground and potential impact on other surrounding gravesites, were concerns raised already during the Nov. 9 meeting of council. According to Moore, Cemecare negotiates around winter green burials with each municipality. They require the entrance to the cemetery to be plowed, and the gravesite marked, but then they take it from there. They dig the grave and close it. There would be no impact on other existing graves.

"I am hopeful we can deal with practical issues and get this going. It is a question of putting everyone in the same room to answer all the questions," says Moore.

Currently, the closest cemetery for winter green burials is in Roseneath, south of Peterborough, and there are about nine locations in all of Ontario.

Once the council makes its decision about the draft cemetery bylaw, it must then be sent to the Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BAO) for review. The BAO is a government delegated authority, first established in

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— Terry Moore

2016, to administer the provisions of the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002 on behalf of the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services. Its role is to enhance professionalism, increase consumer protection and provide an effective framework for the industry. The BOA offers a single point of contact for the bereavement sector, it inspects and licenses funeral establishments and provides service delivery and enforcement.

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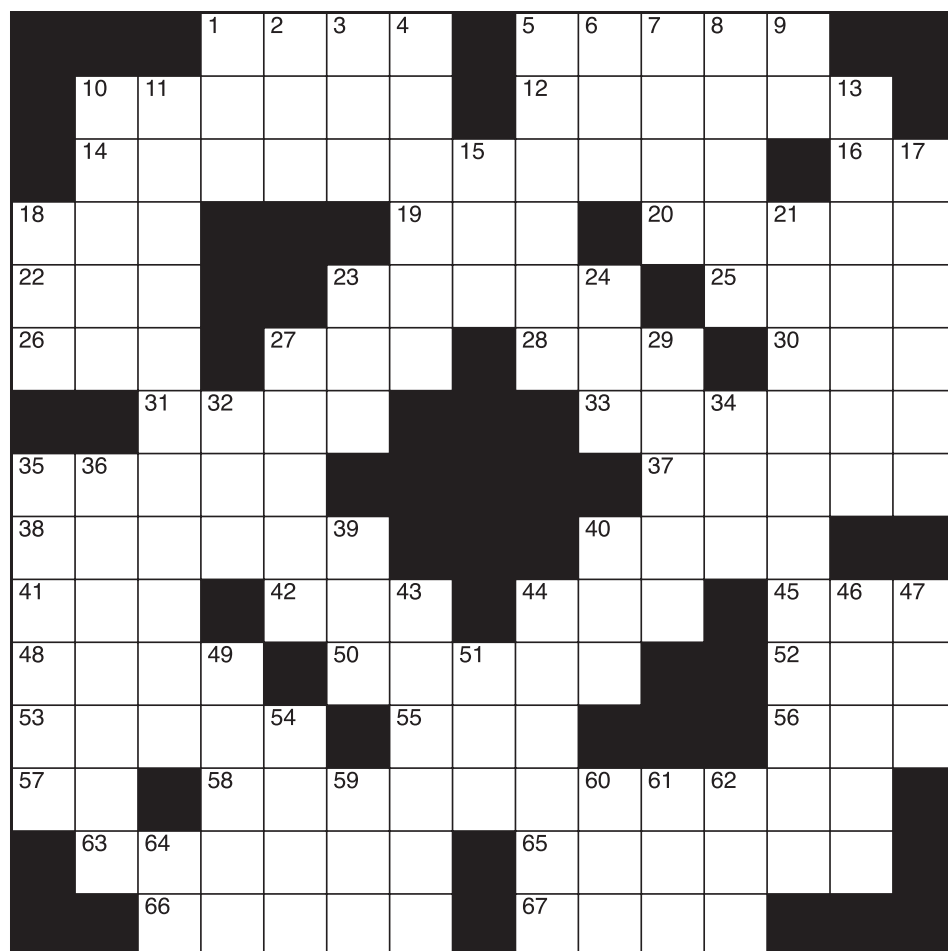
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## CLUES ACROSS

1. Chinese Muslim group
5. Alternative name
10. Resounds
12. Supporter
14. Furnishes anew
16. Beloved Hollywood alien
18. Supervises flying
19. Ballplayer's tool
20. Coarse edible red seaweed
22. Former CIA
23. Basketball player
25. Travel necessities
26. Honey producer
27. Military analysis (abbr.)
28. Diego, Francisco, Anselmo
30. Mental sharpness and inventiveness
31. Popular Easter meal
33. Man (Spanish)
35. \_\_\_ de la \_\_\_
37. Counterweights
38. Made a harsh, grating noise
40. Monetary unit
41. Commercials
42. Cool!
44. Partner to cheese
45. Expression of creative skill
48. Unit of angle
50. Transported
52. N. American people of Kansas
53. Computer game character Max
55. Moved swiftly
56. Everyone has one
57. Tin
58. A mole is one
63. Nocturnal hoofed animals
65. Oppositional to
66. Monetary units
67. Not on time

## CLUES DOWN

1. Hoghead (abbr.)

2. Misery resulting from affliction

3. Defunction European group
4. Line on a map
5. Becomes less intense
6. Back muscle
7. Frosted
8. Ethiopian town
9. Midway between south and east
10. Wipe from the record
11. In a continuous way
13. Breathe
15. Cleaning device
17. Male organ
18. Tab on a key ring
21. Criminals
23. Taxi
24. Cheer of encouragement
27. Wartime American escort carrier
29. Polish river
32. Current unit
34. Life form
35. Painful contractions
36. Glowing
39. Press against lightly
40. Melancholic
43. Something you can be under
44. Of the mind
46. E. Indian cereal grass
47. Couple
49. Sharpshoot
51. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
54. \_\_\_ Blyton, children's author
59. Human gene
60. Data mining methodology (abbr.)
61. Examines animals
62. Mineral
64. Cools your home

Answers on page 21

# Believe in the Magic of Giving to health care

The community support of our local hospital and health care facilities throughout these unprecedented times has been exceptional, and so appreciated. Thanks to the generosity of so many, the Believe in the Magic of Giving campaign last year raised more than \$163,000 in support of Haliburton Highlands Health Services, funding a new portable digital x-ray for the Haliburton hospital site emergency department, providing an additional 461 meals for seniors in need, as well as more than 100 trips for medically-required transportation.

A gift this year can contribute again to these much-needed and ongoing community programs. It can also help the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation to complete its commitment to support the new Clinical Information System for HHHS in funding high-tech mobile Workstations-on-Wheels. These "WOWs" are an important tool for patient care; they can house both the digital medical record technology equipment (for example tablets), as well as having the potential for carrying other medical equipment and supplies. With informa-

tion at their fingertips, it will also mean more time for nurses right at the patient's side.

Funds raised this year will also contribute to new state-of-the-art Nurse Call Bell systems for both Long-Term Care homes: Highland Wood in Haliburton, and Hyland Crest in Minden. It enables a seamless connection into our acute and emergency department systems.

A gift this season can make a positive impact on the health of our community in so many ways. Thanks for believing in the importance of quality health care in the Haliburton Highlands, in the dedication and expertise of HHHS staff and health care professionals, and in our collective efforts to provide the best and most up-to-date equipment possible to deliver that health care.

Gifts can be made by mail to 7199 Gelert Rd, P.O. Box 1413, Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0, on line at hhhs.ca/foundation, by calling the Foundation office at 705-457-1580.

Submitted by Lisa Tompkins



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# Flower mystery solved

community news

## west guilford

Eleanor Cooper  
754-2278

Recent word about my next door neighbor, Iris Freeman is that she is a resident at Haliburton's Extendicare. Her son, Mark and his wife, Krystalin have until recently been her continuous support and caregiver.

My grand daughter, Sharai, has been visiting me over the past two weeks from her home in Duncan, B.C.

On Friday, Nov. 19, a cousin of mine from Barrie, came to see me and to also visit Kathleen at Highland Wood. Kathleen was delighted to see Luana Wood and of course Sharai on Nov. 19.

The Nicholls family must be very proud of the recent account in the *Echo* of Bernie Nicholls success in the world of hockey.

The musical circle around here has shrunk considerably from three or four guys on fiddle and mandolin with Kathleen at the piano to Alan on mandolin and Sharai on guitar, but it still sounds good. I am fortunate indeed to hear my "anti folk" making music so happily. Two years ago, Sharai placed first in a contest with her singing of Song of the Miria to hear dad's (Andy) accompaniment on mandolin.

The mystery of the flowers is solved. Bonnie (Stevens) Thornton had come to place flowers on the St. Peter's Church cemetery grave of her father, Ken Stevens for Remembrance Day and was generous enough to buy me that huge bouquet of carnations. She and Beth had been chums a long time ago, and our family and she have been in touch ever since, if only through Christmas cards between here and her home in Ennismore.

### Municipality of Dysart et al



#### Notice of Special Meeting

##### 2022 Budget Projects and Priorities

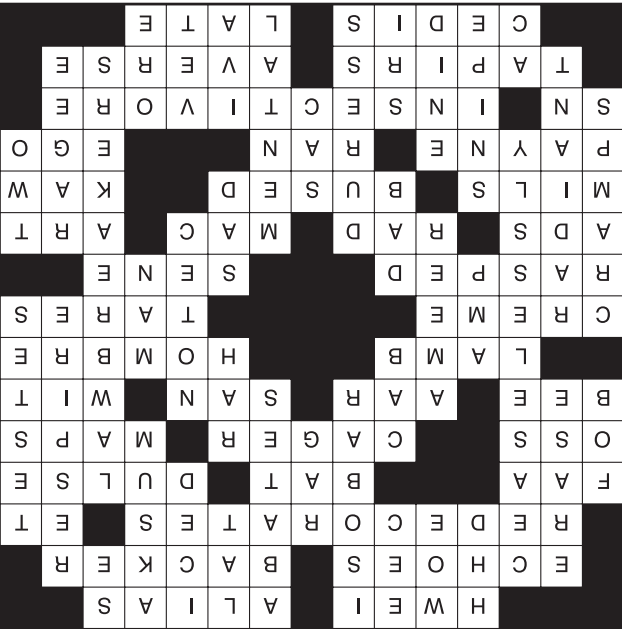
Take notice that there will be a **Special Meeting** of Council on **Friday, December 10, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.** The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss projects and priorities for the 2022 Budget. The Municipality has also set the following dates (if required) to review the Budget:

January 14, 2022 and February 11, 2022

**These meetings will be hosted virtually. You can view the proceedings by visiting the Dysart YouTube page:**  
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Mallory Bishop, Municipal Clerk

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#### NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

• **DATE:** Wednesday, December 8th 2021  
• **TIME:** 11:00 am.  
• **LOCATION:** The Committee of Adjustment will be held as an electronic meeting only. The meeting will be recorded through the conferencing application and live streamed to YouTube.

##### APPLICATIONS:

###### 1. D13-MV-2021-024 Cowen & Mckinlay

• The following variances are requested to construct a garage, legalize the location of an existing garage and increase the lot coverage on a lot in the Waterfront Residential Type 4 (WR4) zone:

a) An increase to the provisions of Section 5.2 to permit a lot in the Waterfront Residential Type 4 (WR4) zone to have a maximum lot coverage of 17.5% as opposed to the required maximum of 15%.

b) An increase to the provisions of Section 5.2 to permit a lot in the Waterfront Residential Type 4 (WR4) zone to have a maximum shoreland lot coverage of 17.5% as opposed to the required maximum of 15%.

c) A decrease to the provisions of Section 5.2 to permit an accessory structure to have a minimum interior side lot line setback of 0.91 metre (3 feet) as opposed to the minimum of 1 metre (3.3 feet).

d) A decrease to the provisions of Section 3.1 (d)(v) to permit a private cabin to have a minimum interior side lot line setback of 1.8 metres (6 feet) as opposed to the permitted 4.5 metres (14.8 feet).

e) A decrease to the provisions of Section 3.1 (e)(iv) to permit a two storey accessory building to have a minimum interior side lot line setback of 1.8 metres (6 feet) as opposed to the permitted 4.5 metres (14.8 feet).

f) A decreased to the provisions of Section 5.2 to permit a two storey accessory building to have a rear lot line setback of 5.4 metres (18 feet) as opposed to the permitted 7.5 metres (24.6 feet).

g) A decrease to the provisions of Section 3.1 (d)(v) to permit a private cabin to have a rear lot line setback of 5.4 metres (18 feet) as opposed to the permitted 7.5 metres (24.6 feet).

h) A decrease to the provisions of Section 3.1 (e)(iv) to permit a two storey accessory building to have a rear lot line setback of 5.4 metres (18 feet) as opposed to the permitted 7.5 metres (24.6 feet).

• Part Lot 1, Concession 5, Part 1, 19R4935 in the geographic Township of Dysart, in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton (2613 Kashagawigamog Lake Rd).

###### 2. D13-MV-2021-028 McWhinnie

• The following variance is requested to permit a one storey accessory building to have an increased maximum height on a property in the WR4L zone:

a) A variance to the provisions of Section 5.2 to permit a one-storey accessory building to have a maximum height of 8 metres (26 feet), as opposed to the permitted 5.5 metres (18 feet).

Location: Lot 32, Concession 3, Lot 27, Plan 541 in the geographic Township of Guilford, in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton (1084 Glen Lake Court).

###### 3. D13-MV-2021-029 Greenhow

• The following variance is requested legalize the location of their dwelling, attached deck and shed on a property in the WR4L zone:

a) A variance to the provisions of Section 5.2 to permit a dwelling to have an interior side lot line setback of 0.4 metres (1.3 feet) as opposed to the permitted 4.5 metres.

b) A variance to the provisions of Section 3.7 to permit eaves to extend 4.5 metres into a minimum setback area, as opposed to the permitted 0.75 metres.

c) A variance to the provisions of Section 3.7 to permit an attached deck to have an interior side lot line setback of 0.21 metres (0.7 feet) as opposed to the permitted 4.5 metres.

d) A variance to the provisions of Section 5.2 to permit an accessory building (shed) to have an interior side lot line setback of 0.64 metres (2.1 feet) as opposed to the permitted 1 metre (3.28 feet).

• Location: of Part Lot 24, Concession 7, Parts 35 and 36, Plan 19R200 in the geographic Township of Dysart, in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton (1595 Tattersal Rd).

###### 4. D13-MV-2021-031 North & Simpson

• The following variance is requested legalize the location of their dwelling and detached deck on a property in the WR4L zone:

a) A variance to the provisions of Section 5.2 to permit a dwelling to have a minimum water setback of 12.5 metres (41 feet) as opposed to the legal non complying setback of 14.6 metres (48 feet).

b) A variance to the provisions of Section 3.1 (b) (iii) to permit a detached deck to have a gross floor area of 28.74 square metres (310 square feet) as opposed to the permitted 20 square metres (215.3 square feet).

• Location: of Part Lot 2, Concession 6, Part 1, Plan 19R1786 in the geographic Township of Dudley, in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton (1313 Murry's Rd).

###### 5. D13-MV-2019-005 Derin

• The following variance is requested permit the construction of a garage on a property in the WR4L zone:

a) A variance to the provisions of Section 5.2 to permit a accessory building (garage) to have a rear lot line setback of 3.6 metres (12 feet) as opposed to the permitted setback of 7.5 metres (24.6 feet).

b) An increase to the provisions of Section 5.2 to permit a lot in the Waterfront Residential Type 4L (WR4L) zone to have a maximum lot coverage of 25.4% as opposed to the Required maximum of 15%.

c) An increase to the provisions of Section 5.2 to permit a lot in the Waterfront Residential Type 4L (WR4L) zone to have a maximum shoreland lot coverage of 25.4% as opposed to the required maximum of 15%.

• Location: Part Lot 14, Concession 4, Lot 22, Plan 331 in the geographic Township of Harburn, in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton (1076 Apex Lane).

Council passed By-law 2020-69 to amends the Committee of Adjustment of the Municipality of Dysart et al's Procedural By-law to permit electronic participation in meetings. **There will not be an in-person meeting; this meeting will be conducted in an electronic format only.**

For more information about electronic meetings and public participation in an electronic meeting, contact the Deputy Secretary-Treasurer at [dhicks@dysartetal.ca](mailto:dhicks@dysartetal.ca).

**ANY PERSON** is entitled to attend the hearing to express his/her views about these applications or may be represented by an agent for that purpose. If you do not attend the hearing the Committee may proceed in your absence and you will not be entitled to any further notice of the proceedings. The Committee will accept oral and written submissions. **A copy of the decision will be sent to the applicant, the agent and to each person who has filed with the Secretary Treasurer a written request for notice of the decision.**

**FURTHER INFORMATION:** including specific information about the zone provisions affected by each application, and electronic meeting process is available from the Planning and Land Information Department at the Municipal Office by appointment only (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

Jeff Iles  
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John spent his whole life in Haliburton. He was kind, generous, and would help anyone who needed it. He had a heart of gold and will be sorrowfully missed by those who knew him.

### Visitation & Funeral Service

Friends were invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy #118 Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Sunday afternoon, November 21, 2021, from 4 until 6 p.m. A Funeral Service was held in the Chapel on Monday morning, November 22, 2021, at 11 o'clock (Visitation one hour prior). Interment later at Evergreen Cemetery. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation - Haliburton Highlands Mental Health Services would be appreciated by the family.

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## Close call

Dog owner recalls anti-freeze poisoning

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## Arena update

Some changes made in plan for Dysart barn

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## Santa comes to town

Santa Claus waves to the crowds along Highland Street during the Haliburton Santa Claus Parade on Friday evening, Nov. 23. With 44 parade floats and four bands, this Caribbean-themed event, which was a co-ordinated effort between the Haliburton Village BIA and the Haliburton Lions Club, was slightly bigger than last year. See more on page 10.

Darren Lum  
Staff

# Pond hockey coming to Haliburton

Jenn Watt  
Editor

Haliburton will be the home of the 2013 Canadian Pond Hockey Championships.

After much deliberating, Neil Lumsden and J-Core Marketing made their decision to locate the popular event in the Highlands Jan. 25 to 27 and Feb. 1 to 3.

"One of the great things about this [place] -

one of the reasons we made the decision - is the community support is huge," Lumsden said in an interview.

Lumsden founded the championships seven years ago in Huntsville and was searching for a new venue this year.

In 2013, the championships will use Haliburton's Head Lake and the Pinestone Resort's pond as venues with on-site food and beverages.

About 1,600 players come to the championships each year in 260 teams.

The goal is to replicate the foundations of Canadian hockey - out on a frozen lake with shoveled snow making up the boards.

"It's the camaraderie, it's the competition, it's playing outside on a not-so-perfect surface," Lumsden said.

Lobbying on behalf of Haliburton was John Teljeur, who played in the tournament in previous years and knew Lumsden personally.

When he heard the event likely wasn't see CHAMPIONSHIPS page 24

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MOUNTAIN STREET \$539,000

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KAWAGAMA LAKE \$279,000

Stunning south views across the lake. This property has a fantastic shoreline of mixed sand/gravel gradual entry to the water. Hydro is at the lot line and there is good cell service. This is easily accessible from either marina on the lake. Enjoy this affordable lot in the summer while you make your plans for your new cottage. Great fishing year-round and fantastic snowmobiling in the winter.

STILLS ROAD \$128,500

SOLD

This beautiful 1.2-acre building lot is located in the heart of Eagle Lake. Driveway installed and building site is cleared and ready for your year-round home or getaway. Many apple trees throughout the property. Stunning park-like setting. Surrounded by mature trees in a quiet neighbourhood. Paved year-round municipal road. Walking distance to Eagle Lake Country market, Eagle Lake public beach and boat launch. Stop dreaming and start building your dream home or cottage.

WENONA LAKE \$94,500

SOLD

Fantastic lot in a quiet area. This 0.42-acre lot is the perfect spot to build your families dream cottage or home. Conveniently located on a year-round road with hydro and telephone available and located 15 minutes from Haliburton village. Surrounded by mature trees providing ample privacy. 1/12 interest (ownership) in waterfront lot 62 which has a beautiful sand shoreline and western exposure overlooking Wenona Lake. Adjacent lot is owned by the municipality adding additional privacy.

CHELSEA LANE \$69,900

SOLD

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